

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

SOUTHSIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
Darlington
Grades: PK-K **Enrollment: 399**
Principal: Mrs. Patricia A. Toney
Superintendent: Dr. Rainey Knight
Board Chair: Charles Govan

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
10	0	0	0	0

*Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/03/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Primary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PRIME INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

Our School	Median Primary School
88.3%	89.6%

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO IN CORE SUBJECTS

Our School	Median Primary School
20.6 to 1	20.0 to 1

TEACHERS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES

Our School	Median Primary School
65.0%	62.9%

TEACHERS RETURNING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Our School	Median Primary School
91.0%	89.9%

PERCENT OF PARENTS ATTENDING CONFERENCES

Our School	Median Primary School
100.0%	100.0%

DAYS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT*

Our School	Median Primary School
16.0 days	12.7 days

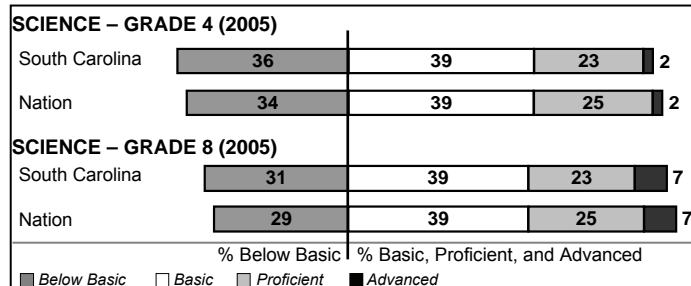
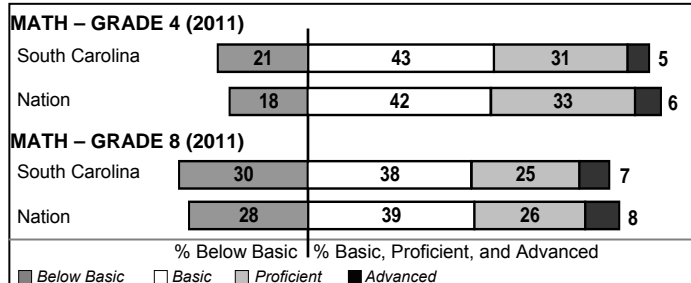
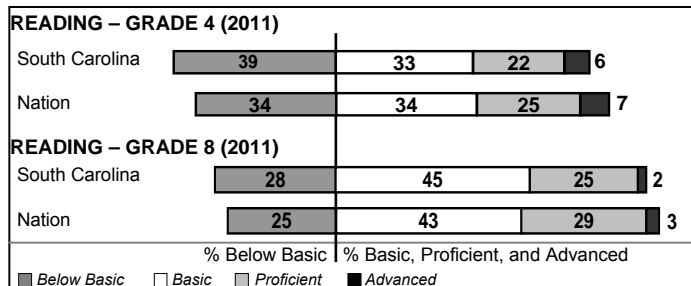
*Professional development days should be devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills in working with children less than eight years old.

Types Of Accreditation (More Than One May Apply)

	Not pursuing accreditation
X	Conducting a self-study
X	South Carolina Department of Education
X	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
	American Montessori Society
X	National Association for the Education of Young Children

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2020 Vision:
By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
 NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

SOUTHSIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER [Darlington]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Primary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Primary School
Students (n=399)				
Retention rate	1.7%	Down from 3.8%	1.7%	3.1%
Attendance rate	94.2%	Down from 94.9%	95.2%	95.3%
With disabilities other than speech	0.0%	Down from 1.4%	0.7%	0.8%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=20)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.0%	Up from 61.9%	69.6%	62.9%
Continuing contract teachers	95.0%	Up from 90.5%	95.0%	90.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.0%	Up from 89.8%	90.5%	89.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 94.4%	94.9%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,658	Down 0.2%	\$47,211	\$46,658
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	17.9 days	Up from 17.3 days	17.9 days	15.7 days
School				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	6.0	6.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.6 to 1	Down from 21.1 to 1	20.5 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.3%	Down from 88.7%	89.6%	89.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,060	Down 14.6%	\$7,033	\$7,129
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.8%	Up from 68.0%	69.9%	69.6%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.1%	Up from 64.5%	67.3%	66.4%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	88.2%	94.1%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers
Number of surveys returned	N/A
Percent satisfied with learning environment	N/A
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	N/A
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	N/A

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Kindergarten plays a unique role in a child's educational experience, serving as a transition from home or pre-school experiences to formal schooling. Southside Early Childhood Center provides the kindergarten experience that is critical in establishing positive feelings about coming to school and the child's view of self as a capable learner. The environment at Southside Early Child Center supports children's natural disposition for learning. Our students are encouraged to dream, to imagine possibilities and to strive for excellence. The foundations for family learning and involvement in the child's education are supported and welcomed at our school.

This school year has been an exciting and rewarding experience for our students, parents, faculty and staff. Collectively, we enjoyed the honor of receiving an excellent grade on the school report card. Similarly, several members of our faculty and staff received individual recognition for their outstanding work: Mrs. Paula Alvarez received our school's Teacher of the Year award and Mrs. Nakeisha Lacy named our school's, district's and Pee Dee area Distinguished Reading Teacher. She presented her literacy exhibit at the South Carolina International Reading Association Conference in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The PTO raised funds for playground equipment and items for school beautification. Through those efforts each teacher received big books and money for classroom supplies. The PTO and Title One sponsored our annual Father-Daughter Sweetheart Dance and Mother-Son Dance. Speakers shared parenting and reading tips for the parents at both events and each parent received a book to share with their child.

Our students are recognized for exhibiting good character traits through our Terrific Kids program and academically with making the Principal's Club. Our students are challenged to do their best in everything.

Southside Early Childhood Center is committed to teaching in ways that are consistent with the needs of young children as learners. We believe that learning environments and instructional strategies should consistently provide age, individual, and culturally appropriate experiences.

Southside Early Childhood Center is a community where children learn and grow. It is a place where "Children Come First".

Rachel Marino
School Improvement Council

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